

like to close on your motion?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the body's indulgence in giving me just a few more minutes. I must say that I know the consequences of the situation and that very shortly we're about to vote on a bill and likely to pass it overwhelmingly, but you know one of the few satisfactions in losing on the floor is sometimes the ability to put in the record your thoughts and your expectations and years later being able to look back and at least have that sense of I told you so, as Senator Chambers likes to do. I just did it tonight when I looked back on the health insurance issue and I found exactly what I said five years ago is exactly what has happened since that time and I'm again saying in 1989 that I think we're going to see some serious problems with health care costs, continuing to skyrocket. This bill, better, because of the compromises we've worked out than it was but still it goes too far in easing up on the oversight on the cost, costly matters of construction and equipment purchases and the particular concerns I have with the new services. Now this is an area that is deregulated under this bill and in this deregulation of these different types of services of open-heart surgery and transplants of whatever, this is the new high tech cost area that we are going to really have to struggle with over the years, that if we open up and allow more people to be doing things, you'll have more of these operations provided. They will increase the cost I think because of that. They will decrease the quality and I think we're going to be very unhappy with the results. But I understand the will of the body and the sentiment that there is here. I simply want to state that I am opposed to this bill. I hope some of you will vote against it and I will withdraw my motion to return.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I believe we could proceed to read the bill then. Members, take your seats, please. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...to suspend the rules or not? Is that not necessary?

SPEAKER BARRETT: No. I don't believe so, Senator Lamb.